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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Division 3

COUNTIES SERVED | Brunswick, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Sampson

Governor McCrory Appoints Nick Tennyson Secretary of Transportation



In early August, Governor Pat McCrory announced the appointment of Nick

Nick Tennyson is sworn in as Secretary of Transportation

Tennyson as the new Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Tennyson has served as Chief Deputy Secretary since March 2013, and succeeds Tony Tata.

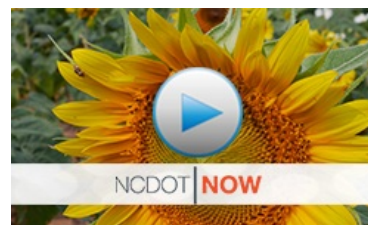
"Nick Tennyson is the perfect choice to continue the momentum we have made in North Carolina's transportation strategy," said Governor McCrory. "He has been involved in planning all of our key transportation strategies over the last two and half years, and is equipped to hit the ground running to continue our progress."

Secretary Tennyson and the NCDOT team will continue to focus on expanding and safely maintaining our transportation network through the Governor's 25 Year Vision, support new funding strategies including the bonds to Connect NC, strengthen our ports to make our state more globally competitive and deliver other infrastructure projects to help grow the state's economy and create jobs. [Learn More](#)

U.S. 17/74/76 Leland Bridge Project

A milestone was reached on the "Leland Causeway Bridge Project" in August when a traffic signal was activated at the intersection of N.C.133 and Blackwell Road in Leland/Belville. The new signal is already improving safety by controlling traffic at the N.C.133 and Blackwell Road

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On this week's NCDOT Now, NCDOT partners with the N.C. Department of Agriculture on creating pollinator habitats in wildflower beds, tickets available now for special train stops at the North Carolina State Fair and the Lexington Barbecue Festival in October, and ferry crews help rescue a father and son in Swan Quarter Bay. [To Learn More](#)

intersection.

The Causeway Bridge Project will have three lanes in each direction on U.S. 17/74/76, between the U.S. 421 exit ramps and the N.C.133 exit, with a third lane dropping/adding at the U.S. 421 ramps and the exit to N.C. 133/Village Road in Leland, reducing congestion by providing an additional lane for ramp traffic to merge into the through lanes. The bottle neck at the U.S. 421 South ramp onto east and westbound U.S. 17/74/76 will also be eliminated.

The Project includes a Diverging Diamond Interchange on N.C.133/Village Road which will reduce congestion by allowing traffic to keep moving through the intersection. This interchange will improve safety by allowing free flowing turns when entering and exiting the interstate, eliminating the need to turn left against oncoming traffic, and limiting the number of signal cycles. Diverging Diamond Interchanges are easier to navigate and provide better visibility at turns, resulting in fewer crashes.

BOARD MEMBER

Sandra Fountain

Sandra Fountain is President and Qualified Broker-in-Charge for Coldwell Banker, Fountain Realty, a Jacksonville-based real estate firm that handles residential and commercial sales, land sales, new construction sales, residential and commercial property management.



Sandra Fountain

An Onslow County native, Fountain is very active in a number of organizations, serving on the Board of Directors for Jacksonville Onslow Economic Development; the Committee of 100, the Jacksonville/Onslow Chamber of Commerce, and the Governmental Committee for the Jacksonville/Onslow Chamber of Commerce.

Fountain has also served in leadership roles in a host of organizations, having been only one of three women to ever serve as the Chair of the Jacksonville/ Onslow Chamber of Commerce. She has also chaired several committees with the Jacksonville/Onslow Chamber of Commerce, and Onslow County Tourism.

In her capacity as Board Member for NCDOT's Division 3,

Fountain shared some thoughts:

"I feel truly honored to be working with so many talented and dedicated people in Division 3," said Fountain. "They are committed to serving our communities and striving to improve the quality of life for our entire state."

Fountain is also associated with the National Association of Realtors and the Jacksonville Board of Realtors, along with the Topsail, New Hanover, Carven and Carteret Board of Realtors.

Sandra is married to Keith Fountain, a practicing attorney with The Law Office of Lanier, Fountain and Ceruzzi of Jacksonville. She and her husband live in Jacksonville with their three children and grandchildren.

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